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**BLM Issues Trust Patent to Chemehuevi Indians**

The final trust patent for the Chemehuevi Tribe's existing 32,500-acre reservation along the Colorado River in eastern San Bernardino County was issued officially today by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

BLM Acting State Director Jim Abbott said the issuance of the patent, or land title, was requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on behalf of the Tribe. The trust patent was authorized by the 1891 Mission Indians Relief Act, as amended.

The trust patent includes lands that were withdrawn for the Tribe's benefit in 1907, subject to exclusions of specific federal and privately-owned lands and other valid existing rights associated with the patented lands. A copy of the trust patent is posted on the BIA's webpage at [www.bia.gov](http://www.bia.gov). Questions may be directed to Tribal Chairman Charles Wood at 760-858-4301, or Superintendent Janice Staudte, Colorado River Agency, at 928-669-7111.

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